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Honorable William Pascrell
Member, US House of Representatives
Bloomfield Municipal Plaza
Room 200A Town Hall
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003

Dear Congressman Pascrell:

I would like to congratulate you on your selection by the New Jersey National Guard and the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) to receive the prestigious CHARLES DICK MEDAL OF MERIT for 2007.

The NJ National Guard continues to be fully engaged. The Global War on Terrorism deployments have continued to challenge our troops and their families, however, a positive byproduct of this has been a National Guard proven to be ready, reliable and relevant. The NJ National Guard also remains fully committed to our State Mission. We are proud to be restored to our historic roots: citizen soldiers setting aside their civilian occupations in response to our nation's call.

Your exceptional solidarity with our New Jersey National Guard is being duly applauded. Through your tenacity and commitment to veterans' causes, you secured a site for a new Passaic County Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic at St. Joseph's Hospital, which serves over 30,000 veterans in the area, you have sponsored bills to honor our veterans and to improve our outreach programs, you have advanced causes of legislation to enhance the lives of our veterans as well as public awareness of our citizen soldiers. A long time supporter of our National Guard, you secured and dedicated the centralized recruiting office in Paterson New Jersey. It is these commendable efforts that have set you apart as a highly valued advocate of the National Guard. Thus, with tremendous gratitude, we recognize your outstanding and meritorious work with this award.

The CHARLES DICK MEDAL OF MERIT is awarded to individuals who have distinguished themselves as outstanding Americans. This prestigious award will be presented to you during the 129th National Guard Association Annual Conference and Exhibition running from Friday, 24 August, 2007 through Monday, September 27, 2007

presentation of the awards will be Saturday, 25 August and Sunday 26 August, times to be determined.

Enclosed you will find the details for the conference. NGAUS is honored to be able to provide you with the \$125.00 conference fee. However, all other associated expenses including travel and accommodations, cannot be covered.

Please note the 10 August deadline. As a courtesy reminder, it is imperative that you fill out both forms titled "enclosure 1" by the deadline – if you plan to attend the 2007 NGAUS Conference. My office will be contacting you to ascertain your plans.

In a world riddled with conflict, celebrating this award with you and our National Guard family will truly be an honor. Should your schedule prevent you from attending, nothing would please me more than to have this award brought home to New Jersey, and to present it to you personally.

Once again allow me to convey my personal congratulations and gratitude.

Sir -
Congratulations -
Thanks for your
continued support.
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Sincerely,



GLENN K. RIETH
Major General, NJARNG
The Adjutant General